

MEMORANDUM:

To: Winnefox Library System Trustees
From: Mark Arend, Assistant Director
Subject: Report of System Activities
Date: November 12, 2008

The following is a list of current activities. Feel free to give me a call or send an email if you have any questions or would like further information.

2009 Library Funding: Although most of our counties have not adopted their 2009 budgets as of this writing, indications are that libraries will do fairly well in most counties, helped by the exemption of county library payments from levy limits. Of special note is that the libraries in Fond du Lac County have finally achieved the 100% reimbursement level. The following chart compares 2008 with the *anticipated* 2009 county library funding.

	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Marquette	Waushara	Winnebago
2009 Library Reimbursement	1,064,888	203,133	112,619	296,802	1,735,490
2009 Major Facility Funding					256,119
2009 WCTS		59,894	40,136	77,662	
2009 Special project	6,000				5,000
2009 Act 420 payments	80,302	29,529	47,301	12,664	32,921
Total 2007 Library Funding	1,151,190	292,556	200,056	387,128	2,029,530
2008 Library Reimbursement	893,461	155,095	114,628	292,361	1,784,786
2008 Major Facility Funding					265,095
2008 WCTS		59,218	38,130	76,753	
2008 Special Project					5,500
2008 Act 420 payments	71,887	25,687	41,081	10,423	29,742
Total 2008 Library Funding	965,348	240,000	193,839	379,537	2,085,123
Change in in-county library reimbursement (including WCTS & major facility funding) from 2008	19%	23%	0%	1%	-3%
Change in total library funding (including Act 420 payments) from 2008	19%	22%	3%	2%	-3%

2009-2010 State Budget: Governor Doyle is currently drafting his 2010-2011 State Biennial Budget proposal, which will go to the State Legislature in early 2009. Resources are tight, and there are many difficult funding decisions to be made, so this is an important time to email or phone the governor and your state senator and representative. Simply let them know how important libraries are to you, and encourage them to support libraries through the state budget. You can email Gov. Doyle at www.wisgov.state.wi.us/contact.asp or phone his office at (608) 266-1212. You can find email addresses and phone numbers for your legislators at <http://waml.legis.state.wi.us/> (just enter your home address when prompted).

I've attached a DPI press release which gives more detailed information on library-related items in the state budget.

Library Legislation Day: Included in your board packet is a registration form for Library Legislation Day in Madison scheduled for Tuesday 3 February 2009. LLD is an excellent opportunity to talk with legislators directly and encourage their support for programs that improve library services within the state. Registration is easy; the Wisconsin Library Association arranges for appointments with legislators. We encourage anyone who can to attend. You can find more information at: <http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/legis/day/index.htm>.

Staff News: Renee Miller, our Graphic Artist, has been elected to the position of Secretary in the Wisconsin Library Association's Support Staff Section.

Van driver Jeff Hafmeister reconsidered his resignation and is still with us, however van driver Gary Lyons has retired after 8 years with us. Robert Rauth has been hired as a van driver. Dylan Adkins has been hired as a print shop assistant. Janna Putzer has been hired as an Interlibrary loan page.